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Elba and Kinston schools benefit from grant program

Nearly \$179 million in one-time money was awarded to 327 K-12 public schools through a new capital improvements grant program administered by Lt. Gov. Will Ainsworth.

Elba City Schools received a total of \$463,000 of the grant funds while Kinston School [a part of the Coffee County School System] received \$2,000,000.

"Before awarding grants, we consulted with lawmakers across the state to gather their insights because they know their districts and the biggest needs within them," Ainsworth said.

The Capital Grant Program was created earlier this year by the Legislature, which gave Ainsworth responsibility for awarding the grants.

"We reviewed each application with strict adherence to the law, prioritized the schools and systems where funding would make the biggest impact, and worked hard to make sure each geographic region and area of the state received a fair allocation," Ainsworth said.

Eighty percent of the

grants were awarded to schools in which more than half of the students are considered at-risk, Ainsworth's office said. Individual awards range from several thousand dollars to \$5 million.

Awarded funds can be used to:

- Assist with capital projects that will enhance the educational environment of students;
- Pay for existing debt on previous capital projects;
- Assist with deferred maintenance on existing facilities; and
- Assist with projects to increase school safety and security and for technology and equipment for schools or students.



A new canvas-painted mural was revealed last Tuesday evening, Nov. 14, at the Elba Public Library. This Elba Community Mural was designed by Auburn University professor Wendy DesChene in collaboration with members of the Elba community. Several Auburn students from the Department of Art and Art History painted it during the fall semester, and it was officially revealed and put on display last week in Elba. The mural was co-sponsored by the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for Arts and Humanities in the College of Liberal Arts at Auburn University and Elba Public Library [and made possible by the Ann Draughon Cousins Fund for Excellence at Auburn]. Above, those from Auburn University involved with the project are shown fielding questions from the Elba community during the reveal ceremony.

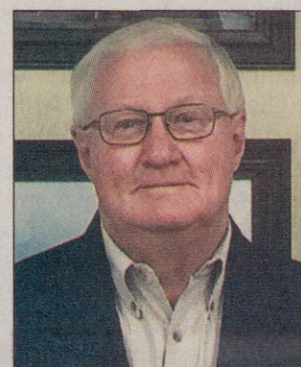
Smith announces re-election bid as Coffee County Commissioner

Dean Smith this week announced his intent to seek re-election as Coffee County Commissioner for District One.

He has served as the chairman of the Coffee County Commission for 12 years, and during his time as a Coffee County Commissioner, Smith helped lead the effort to bring Ben E. Keith's Southeast Regional Headquarters and new Distribution Center to Coffee County. This led to the retention or creation of over 250 jobs.

"I was honored to play an instrumental role in the partnership between the commission and the City of Enterprise to bring the new Veterans Home to Coffee County," Smith said. "This new VA facility will provide 175 beds for our veterans and employ 250 people."

Also, Smith noted his part of the commission's efforts to champion the landfill gas to energy project with Nextera.



Dean Smith

"This project will clean and sell gas generated at the landfill," he said. "The project is under construction now and will be completed in 2024."

As chairman of the commission, Smith also helped in the county's participation in the joint effort with the City of Elba on the Sunbelt Solomon project that created 50 new jobs for Elba with 50 additional jobs planned in expansions.

"All these projects have helped our county be successful over the years and given us all something to be proud of here in Coffee County," Smith said. "Along with those economic projects, it has always been important to me to push for continued improvements to our county roads."

In 2023, over 30 miles of Coffee County roads were resurfaced, Smith said.

His service as a Coffee County Commissioner also has allowed Smith to serve beyond his commission seat and represent all of Coffee County. Some of his additional services include: Alabama Association of County Commissioners Legislative Committee member; Alabama Association of County Commissioners Liability Self Insurance Fund Trustee; Member of the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission; and Board Member of the Wiregrass Resource Conservation Development Council.

Further, Dean serves as a Deacon and Sunday School Teacher at Whitewater Baptist Church, where he and his wife, Pam, are very active members.

"In March for the Primary Elections, I ask all citizens of District One to vote to re-elect me as your Coffee County Commissioner," Smith said. "We want to continue our growth and bring more projects to our county. Let my experience help us continue to do that for all of Coffee County."

News Brief

A single-vehicle crash that occurred Sunday, Nov. 12, at approximately 2:22 a.m., claimed the life of a Brantley woman, according to information released by Alabama State Troopers.

The crash occurred on Alabama Hwy. 87 near the 58-mile marker, approximately two miles south of Troy, in Pike County.

Mary M. Burgans, age 41, was fatally injured when the 2008 Honda Accord she was driving left the roadway, struck a fence, and then a concrete mailbox. Burgans was not using a seat belt at the time of the crash and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Robert W. Duncan, age 46, of Brantley, a passenger in the Accord, also was not using a seat belt at the time of the crash, and he was injured and transported to Baptist Medical Center South in Montgomery for treatment.



The Christian Mission store, located in downtown Elba, was the sight of a two-vehicle wreck Friday morning, Nov. 17, around 9:15 a.m. The accident was on the Buford Street side of the Christian Mission store. The driver of the small Toyota car [pictured above sandwiched between the building and a Toyota van] said her brakes failed as she attempted to park at the Christian Mission thus leading her vehicle to jump the curve. Before coming to a stop the car hit the side of the building and the van, which was already parked at the time of the accident. There were no injuries reported in the incident, which was investigated by Elba Police. Also responding to the scene was the Elba Volunteer Fire Department and a unit from Enterprise Rescue.

ALEA dishes out safety tips for Thanksgiving 2023

Thanksgiving marks one of the busiest weeks of the year on Alabama roadways. This year, the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) urges everyone to prepare to share the road with millions of other motorists as AAA predicts more than 49 million Americans will be driving during the upcoming holiday.

"There is nothing better than making memories with family and friends dur-

ing this extended holiday weekend, even if it means driving for hours and traveling long distances," ALEA secretary Hal Taylor said. "We encourage everyone to make sure your vehicle is travel ready, leave early to allow for heavy traffic, buckle up and never drive impaired. Your welfare and the safety of others this season starts with an individual commitment to responsible actions."

This year's holiday travel

period begins at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, and ends at midnight Sunday, Nov. 26. All available Troopers within ALEA's Highway Patrol Division will conduct additional enforcement details to ensure Alabama roadways are as safe as possible and prevent traffic crashes, injuries and fatalities.

As always, motorists will play a key role in traffic safety and should obey speed limits, make sure everyone in the vehicle is properly buckled up and avoid texting and other

distractions while driving. With a chance of rain and storms in the forecast for some parts of the state, holiday travelers can also check roadway conditions and live video feed from ALGO before leaving the house.

Colonel Jonathan Archer, director of ALEA's Department of Public Safety, said, "As law enforcement officers, ALEA Troopers face a multitude of challenges as part of their job but notifying the loved

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Wardrobe named RWCC 2023 Volunteer of the Year

Jane Wardrobe was named the 2023 Sue Cobb Republican Women of Coffee County (RWCC) Volunteer of the Year at the Thursday, Nov. 16, RWCC meeting.

Wardrobe has been an active member since 2020, and from that time, she hasn't stopped working for the good of the club. She accepted the membership vice-president position, and RWCC has grown through her service. She not only brought in new members, but she headed up the first RWCC Fashion Show Fundraiser, which was a tremendous success. Through this event, ties with the local community were strengthened.

RWCC members say that Wardrobe cares deeply about her community. She has become an active member of the Downtown



Jane Wardrobe, right, received the 2023 Sue Cobb RWCC Volunteer of the year award

Enterprise Community, serving on the Board of Directors and Chairperson of the Promotion Committee. This committee is responsible for all the Downtown Enterprise events.

Wardrobe is currently serving as the President of

Area Happenings

The Elba Food Bank will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23, due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

City of Elba offices/departments will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23, and Friday, Nov. 24, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Garbage pickups scheduled for Thursdays will be picked up on Thursday next week, but those with the Thursday pickup need to have their trash cans by the road BEFORE 7 a.m. on Thursday to ensure pickup. Dumpster pickup also will be on Thursday next week. There will be no box pickup on Friday, Nov. 24th.

The Elba Tigers will travel to Friday, Nov. 24, to Maplesville for quarterfinal action in the AHSAA Class 1A Football Playoffs. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. in Maplesville. Tickets can be purchased online at GoFan.co

The Brantley Bulldogs will host Leroy this Friday, Nov. 24, in quarterfinal action in the AHSAA Class 1A Football Playoffs. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. at Bulldog Stadium in Brantley.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

I believe the key to happiness is someone to love, something to do, and something to look forward to.
— Elvis Presley

The sermon at church Sunday was opened with a bit about “*what are you thankful for*”. It got us to thinking of all the things we have to be thankful for. It would take a book to list all the things, large and small for which we are thankful. Some of them have unusual twist, including the first one that popped into our mind. Our dad was killed in an accident when we were five years old. He left three children under age of six and a wife that was eight months pregnant. That is not a good memory but the positive to us is that we was old enough to remember him fondly where the sisters, both younger and/or not born have no memories of him. His coming home from work and vaulting the white picket fence as his children yelled “Daddy’s home”, left priceless memories in our memory bank.

The list gets longer, some back-door gratitude, as the first or routine like when I joined the church at about seven or eight. We liked the pastor, he came to our house and talked to yours truly about church before I joined. We recited either the Lord’s Prayer of the 23rd Psalms during a radio broadcast from our church one Sunday morning and I do believe Mother thought that was our “ticket to heaven”! (We probably gave her dozens of reasons to question that thought while growing up) Happily, our paths crossed with that preacher again after we became an adult. But don’t forget our youthful skating and bike riding “show off” stunts! Don’t forget our neighborhood ‘gang’ finding the drunk man passed out in the under construction new church building one Saturday afternoon!

Jumping forward, our time in the military produced some close friends, one friendship lasting until several years ago and the death of my former roommate and fellow aircraft mechanic. He died in 2016 several months after Heddy and I visited him and his wife in Utah. We rehashed Army events from the late ‘50’s for hours as our wives each commented ‘Oh I have heard that story many times’.

Being diagnosed with ‘terminal’ cancer in the mid-sixties but surviving with no after-effects was, and continues to be a humbling event.

Three children, that are the highlight of our “thankful” things also contribute many warm feelings in our heart.

Elba experienced two floods during our sixty years here. We learned we could survive and are still amazed at the many acts of help and kindness we witnessed in the aftermath of each one. Our personal ability to rebound from each of those disasters fill us with gratitude, for both our stamina and the loyal support of our advertisers and readers. We are also pleased at having been given the opportunity to work with a great committee of local citizens and get funds to upgrade the Elba levee following the last flood. It would be impossible to name all the people, both local, statewide and in Washington who went the extra mile to help make that project a success.

We would be remiss not to include wife Heddy’s Alzheimer’s and ultimate death because we were able to keep her with us until her death at home, attend to her every need, etc. We had over two years of fulfilling her daily needs to demonstrate to her (and ourself) our love and unqualified devotion to her, our life together and the family we raised.

Most of our readers can hopefully write their own “Thankful List”! God Bless each of you and enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday!

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ones of those killed in traffic crashes is truly one of the most dreaded responsibilities they have. We ask those traveling on Alabama roadways to make traffic safety a top priority and remember that you are the best gift you can give your family this holiday season.”

According to data compiled by the Center for Advanced Public Safety (CAPS) in Alabama, 65 lives have been tragically lost during previous extended Thanksgiving travel periods from 2018 to 2022. Since 2019, CAPS has recorded an overall decline in traffic related injuries and deaths, however, ALEA needs everyone’s assistance to ensure that trend continues.

ALEA Troopers offer the following traffic safety tips for this Thanksgiving holiday:

Take breaks and rotate drivers during long trips. If you feel fatigued, pull over and stretch your legs, get something to eat or drink and make sure you are ready to continue your trip before getting back behind the wheel. Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges and never drive drowsy.

Use seatbelts and proper child restraints. Alabama’s seat belt/child restraint law requires ALL passengers – no matter how old or which seat they are occupying – to be buckled up no matter how short the trip. Whether you are going across the state or just around the corner, buckle up.

Remember Alabama’s Move Over Law. When approaching emergency or tow vehicles along all roadways, motorists must move over or slow down at least 15 mph below the posted speed limit if they are not

able to change lanes.

Keep the left lane for passing only. Not only is it courteous driving and avoids impeding traffic, but Alabama law also requires slower traffic to keep to the right and to only use the left lane for passing (when posted). Motorists may drive for up to a mile and half in the left lane before moving back into the right lane.

Eliminate distractions while driving. Distractions include texting, utilizing a cell phone or smartphone, talking to passengers, watching videos, playing mo-bile games, adjusting the radio, navigation system or other devices. Distractions endanger drivers, passengers and bystanders. Alabama law prohibits texting while driving as well as searching the Internet on a mobile device while operating a motor vehicle. In case of emergency, pull off the roadway in a safe location prior to placing a call.

You are the best gift you can give your family this holiday season. Practice safe driving habits and never drink and drive. Make alternate travel plans if you are consuming alcohol. Individuals younger than age 21 are prohibited from consuming alcohol, and it is illegal for anyone to have an open bottle of alcohol in a vehicle. To ensure teens and older children do not consume alco-holic beverages at various festivities, parents and other adults should closely monitor the situation.

The Elba Clipper office will be closed Thursday & Friday (Nov. 23 & 24) for Thanksgiving.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Right now, Congress has a big opportunity to increase access to healthy food for families in Alabama, improve public health, and generate big returns for small farmers and our local economies. The Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNip) in the federal Farm Bill can do all three, but only if our lawmakers take action.

This program is already working today in 5 Alabama communities as “Double Up Food Bucks Alabama”, which helps people or families who buy their groceries using the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to match their purchases of fruits and vegetables.

Here’s how it works: when a program participant buys \$1 worth of produce or fruits with their SNAP dollars, they earn \$1 in return to buy more fruits and vegetables. They can use their SNAP benefits to bring home

more healthy food - it also means farmers and food retailers are making more sales, creating a significant economic ripple effect.

It’s a program that already working. Families who participate in nutrition incentive programs are eating more nutritious food. Recent government reporting shows that people who utilize nutrition incentives eat more fruit and vegetables as compared to the average American.

As steadfast advocates for small farmers and families, Carole and I believe that this program can help our community eat healthier and thrive economically. We encourage you to contact our Congressmen Barry Moore, Katie Britt, and Tommy Tuberville to support changes to grow the Double Up Food Bucks in Alabama so that it can help families in our area as well.

Greg and Carole Lolley
greg@mayimfarm.com

Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2023, through Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center –

Tuesday, Nov. 14 – Traffic accident reported at Hwy 84 and Hwy 189 (3:41 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 804 Hwy 203 (4:55 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1006 Elm Ave (9:08 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at County Rd 545 and County Rd 524, New Brockton (12:46 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 569 King Circle (8:18 p.m.).

Wednesday, Nov. 15 – Assault reported at 1241 Farris Ave (2:45 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2807 Hickman Ave (8:01 a.m.); Identity theft reported at 346 County Rd 349 (8:12 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1309 Martin Luther King Dr (8:31 a.m.); Reckless driver reported at 1771 County Rd 250 (3:34 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 988 Brookdale Ave (5:20 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 14225 Hwy 84 (8:23 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in

a verbal warning.

Thursday, Nov. 16 – Suspicious person reported at 715 Lee St (12:28 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 5292 County Rd 114, Jack (11:48 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 20334 Hwy 87 (12:36 p.m.); Shoplifter reported at Dollar General (1:32 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at Hwy 189 and Hwy 203 (2:16 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Court Ave (7:36 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 322 Court Ave (10:28 p.m.).

Friday, Nov. 17 – Traffic accident reported at 342 Court Ave (9:18 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 234 Old Samson Rd (11:32 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 431 E Davis St (1:18 p.m.); Traffic accident at 610 N Troy Hwy (5:35 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 19814 Hwy 87 (7:47 p.m.); Report of shots fired in area of Tucker Ave and Martin Luther King Dr (10:27 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one written warning, and one verbal warning.

Saturday, Nov. 18 – Animal complaint reported at 642 Lee St (1:52 p.m.); Drug activity reported in area of Reynolds Ave (4:00 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 610 N Troy Hwy (6:16 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1206 Deal St (10:33 p.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in written warnings.

Sunday, Nov. 19 – Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle reported at 660 Lee St (7:22 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1618 County Rd 249 (4:26 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 412 N Claxton Ave (5:14 p.m.); Intoxicated person reported on Harper Dr (5:22 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 890 Old Samson Hwy (9:23 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a written warning.

Cuzin Lou Lou and the Yonder Gang extend best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving to All!
Lou Lou didn’t have time to get a new tale to you this week... she was busy cooking a turkey and dressing for Sister...gotta keep that girl happy! But, she promises to be back next week with a good one!!

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Obituaries

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TOMMY GREENWOOD

Mr. Tommy Greenwood, age 76, of Opp, Ala., died Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2023, at Opp Health and Rehabilitation.

Funeral services were held Friday, Nov. 17, 2023, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala., with Rev. Jack Chancey officiating. Burial services followed in the Evergreen Cemetery.

He was preceded in death by his father - J.W. Greenwood, mother - Ruby Shiver, wife - Janet Greenwood, sisters - Kathy Davis, and Judy Greenwood; plus a step-granddaughter - Ashley Dean.

Survivors include a special friend: Mavis Carter, Opp; daughter: Gwendolyn (Frederick) Gillis, Katy, Texas; sons: Michael (Laurie) Greenwood, Medina, N.Y., Dwayne Hilliard, Savannah, Ga., and Terry (Kate) Godwin, Samson, Ala.; step-daughters: Stacy (Johnny) Landingham, Samson, Ala.; step-daughters: Charity Greenwood, and Desiree Greenwood, both of Medina; grandsons: Dustin (Cindy) Gillis, Casper, Wyo., Bradley Gillis, Grand Junction, Colo., and Devan Gillis, Katy, Texas; step granddaughters: Jessica Landingham, Brittany Landingham, Geneva, Sabrina Stevenson, Anissie Stevenson, Gina Dean, all of Geneva, Ala.; step grandsons: Nicholas Landingham, Michael Stevenson, both of Geneva; sister: Sharon (Sam) Turner, Dothan, Ala.; four great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

CAROLYN VAUGHAN McDOWELL STOKES

A lifelong resident of Elba, Carolyn Vaughan McDowell Stokes, age 92, died Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023, surrounded by her three daughters.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023, from Elba United Methodist Church with Rev. Springer Cain officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Remembrances may be sent to Elba United Methodist Church, 503 West Davis Street, Elba, AL 36323 or the United Methodist Children's Home, 3140 Zelda Court Suite 100, Montgomery, AL 36106-2607.

Carolyn was born Jan. 27, 1931, to Dave and Lillie Mae Morrow Vaughan. Graduating from Elba High School and Troy State Teachers College, she will be remembered as a first grade teacher at Hillcrest Elementary School in Enterprise, a first grade teacher at Elba Elementary School, the founder in 1962 and teacher of the Jack and Jill Kindergarten for over 10 years, and fin-

ishing her teaching career in Elba with a year of 8th grade science.

Carolyn married Jackson William "Bill" Stokes on August 1, 1953. They were married for 50 years before his death in 2003. All of their married life Bill and Carolyn were devoted members of the Elba United Methodist Church, where Carolyn was the children's Sunday School superintendent for more than 10 years. She will also be remembered as the caring manager of the Elba Senior Citizen Center for over 10 years.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her first husband, Robert Lamar McDowell; son, David Lamar McDowell Stokes; husband, Bill Stokes; brother, Jack David Vaughan; and sister, Martha Vaughan Tatom Meacham. Survivors include her daughters: Cynthia "Cyndi" Stokes Darnell (Conie Mac), Macon, Ga., Susan Stokes Lawford (Dennis), Elba, Jackie Stokes Hallford (Don), Ozark, Ala.; daughter-in-law: Suzanne "Susie" Prior Stokes, Ashville, N.C.; and sisters-in-law: Jean Roberts Vaughan, Elba, Roylene McDowell Sellers, Enterprise; along with 10 grandchildren and their spouses, as well as, 21 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

DOROTHY SUE HAYMON

Mrs. Dorothy Sue Haymon died Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023.

Sue's life began in Elba, Ala. as Dorothy Sue Wyrosdick on Jan. 22, 1940, during World War II.

Funeral services were at Pilgrim Home Baptist Church in Wicksburg, Ala. as per Sue Haymon's request, Absolutely NO flowers. Please, in lieu of flowers, send donations to Pilgrim Home Baptist building fund. Mail to Pilgrim Home Baptist Church, 13534 US Highway 84, Newton AL 36352 or donate via their website www.pilgrimhomewicksburg.org - click ONLINE GIVING - Please select Building for the FUND type.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Angus Smith Haymon (Bud); her son, Doyle Haymon (Doyle Knobles Haymon); and 15 siblings.

Survivors include two stepsons: Rufus Edward Haymon (Barbara), Robert Micheal Haymon (Evelyn); one stepdaughter: Marianne Haymon Marler (Ernest); a daughter: Sandra Quina Haymon Batchelor (Larry); five grandchildren: Seth Haymon (Paula), Preston Ray Sellers (Ash-ton), Erin Marler Vey (David), Heather Nicole Johnson (Tyler), and Tiffany Batchelor Cobb (Ty); nine great-grandchildren; three siblings: Joseph Wayne Wyrosdick, Jo Ann Wyrosdick Bess, and John Harmon Wyrosdick, Jr. (Pete); her nieces and nephews; and a dear friend of over 50

years, Wanda Gayle Key.

MAXINE BOYD

Mrs. Maxine Boyd, age 97, of Jack, Ala., died peacefully at her home Sunday morning, Nov. 19, 2023.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Grady Williams and Rev. Mark Cooper officiating. She was buried Wednesday, Nov. 22, at Eastern Gate Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Pensacola, Fla.

Maxine was preceded in death by her husband, Johnnie B. Boyd; and her parents, Robert and Frankie Smith Estes.

Survivors include her daughters: Jane (Kieff) Lambert, Jack, Ala., Gloria Ann Penton, and Deborah Sue (Robert) Braithwaite, both of Pensacola, Fla.; and a son: John Stewart (Sandra) Boyd, Blainsville, Ga.

JAMES WILLIAM RICHARDS

Mr. James William Richards, age 76, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023, at Crowne Health Care of Montgomery, Ala.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Michael Allen officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. Visitation was at Hayes Funeral Home on Tuesday from 2-3 p.m. James was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia Richards; and parents, Clyde and Mary Fuller Richards.

Survivors include his daughter: Angela (Jeffrey) Allen, Prattville, Ala.; son: Timmy (Crystal) Richards, Belpre, Ohio; granddaughter: Tiffany (Trey) Matthews, Samson, Ala.; and a grandson: Tristan Allen, Prattville.

IRENE HODGE

Mrs. Irene Hodge, age 92, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023, at Medical Center Enterprise.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2023, beginning at 11 a.m., from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Donnie Marler and Rev. Lucas Taylor officiating. Burial followed in the Zoar Community Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. Visitation was at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. The family requests memorials be made to the Zoar Cemetery Fund, c/o Jo Hodge, 3631 County

Road 306, Elba, AL 36323.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents, Noah and Alzie Lee Tidwell; her husband, Curtis Hodge; a son, Mac Hodge; grandchildren, Wesley Clark, Kacy Clark, and Talisa Bozeman; a great grandson, Troy Bozeman; and two sons-in-law, David Taylor, and Wallace Clark. Survivors include her daughters: Dot Taylor, Elba, Linda (Don) Flowers, and June Clark, both of Jack, Ala.; sons: Byron (Jo) Hodge, and Chris Hodge, both of Elba; daughter-in-law: Kay Stinson, Jack; granddaughters: Morgan (Matt) Spivey, Mobile, Ala., Dr. Beverly (Mickey) Jordan, Enterprise, Ala., Donna (Kenny) Smith, Northport, Ala., Keri (Ryan) Richburg,

Troy, Ala., and Makaylah (Josh) Spasato, Headland, Ala.; grandsons: Macon (Tiffany) Hodge, Marcus (Anna) Taylor, and Lucas (Jennifer) Taylor, all of Elba, Joshua Hodge, Troy, and Cole (Kristine) Hodge, Vero Beach, Fla.; along with 23 great-grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

BRYAN LINDSEY

Mr. Bryan Lindsey, age 83, a resident of Athens, Ga., died Sunday, November 19, 2023, at St. Mary's Hospital in Athens. Funeral arrangements will be announced upon completion by Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Ala.



DOROTHY DUBOISE MILES FREEMAN (1932-2023)

Dorothy "Dottie" Duboise Miles Freeman, age 91, passed away on October 24, 2023, in her apartment at Rosewood Village Greenbrier Assisted Living Community, Charlottesville, VA. She had resided previously at University Village in Charlottesville since 2003. Dorothy knew Jesus Christ as her Savior, and she looked forward to going home to the Lord and to reuniting with her loved ones who have gone there ahead of her.

As the oldest of four children born to the late Dennis Carey "Caro" Miles and Una V Kelley Miles, on April 15, 1932, in Elba, Alabama, Dorothy was a natural caregiver. One of her sisters recently recounted, "I loved her like a mother." Dorothy graduated from Elba High School in 1950. She then attended Massey-Draughon's Business College, Montgomery, AL, and upon completion, she worked at the Southern Baptist Convention Headquarters in Montgomery, AL until her marriage.

Dorothy was married to her husband of sixty years, Melvin Clinton Freeman (LCDR, US Navy, Retired) of Opelika, Alabama in 1953, until his death in 2013. She supported her husband in his US Naval career, starting in Yokohama, Japan (1953-1955), where she worked for the US Navy. Other duty stations included Norfolk, VA; Newport, RI; Key West, FL; Saigon, Vietnam (Dorothy and children lived in Opelika, AL); and Columbia, SC. Their last duty station was NORAD, Colorado Springs, CO (1971-1972). As Dorothy accompanied her husband, she often worked as an administrative assistant while raising their four children. She was an accomplished hostess, delighting their guests with her specialty shrimp curry or sweet and sour pork. They retired to Opelika, AL and lived there thirty-one years, 1972 to 2003, until moving to Charlottesville, VA, to live near their daughter Susan Weiner and her family.

Some of Dorothy's favorite pastimes were walking, watching people, gardening flowers and vegetables, and reading. She especially enjoyed the beach, birdwatching, and travel. Dorothy loved to go to the beach with her husband, children, and grandchildren. For many years, she and Mel went for a month every summer to Gulf Shores, AL. Frequently, Dorothy could be observed stretched out in her chair under an umbrella with her purse tucked neatly under her arm to watch the sunset. Dorothy found pleasure in birdwatching as a hobby. She and Mel liked to sit at their breakfast table and point out the different birds to their grandchildren. Dorothy appreciated traveling to new places whether hiking to the top of Chimney Top in the Smokey Mountains, taking a cruise to Alaska, or touring Europe, Morocco, and Quebec. In recent years, she enjoyed simple outings with family to the nail salon for a pedicure, to the bagel restaurant for her favorite sandwich, or to a nearby town for ice cream.

Dorothy took a genuine interest in people and their conversations. She listened intently to her children, their spouses, her grandchildren, and great grandchildren about their lives, aspirations, hobbies, and families, encouraging them in their endeavors. Dorothy cultivated gratitude and, long after the event, continued to express the gratefulness she felt for gifts received and acts of kindness shown to her. She frequently spoke highly and lovingly about the people in her life.

Dorothy is predeceased by her husband Melvin Clinton Freeman, her parents Dennis Carey and Una V Miles, her sisters Mary Magdelene "Maggie" Miles White and Betty Sue Miles Bowers, and great-grandson William Cole Carpenter. She is survived by her sister Delories Miles Bermuth of Hoover, AL; by her children Stephanie Freeman Carpenter (Steve) of Madison, FL, Melvin Clinton "Clint" Freeman, Jr. (Dianne Barber) of Alexander City, AL, Antony "Tony" Craig Freeman (Dawn Belsie) of Oxford, AR, and Susan Freeman Weiner (Michael) of Charlottesville, VA; nine grandchildren; fifteen great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dorothy will be buried alongside her husband Lieutenant Commander Melvin C. Freeman (US Navy Retired) at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA. The date and time of the service will be announced when available. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made in the name of Dorothy Miles Freeman to the charity of choice. Friends may sign the guestbook at "teagufuneralhome.com".

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Paul Jackson, Pastor
Covenant Community Church

"Give thanks in all circumstances"

Have you ever noticed that what breaks one person makes another person stronger? Even better? Why is that? I'm sure there are many contributing factors to this, but "how" we respond to life's twists and turns and bitter disappointments is so critical. Let me explain.

Keith Miller in his book *The Edge of Adventure* tells the moving story of a 40-something year old woman named Alice who was a guest one evening at a small group that he was leading. He had never met her before that night.

As was the group's custom, they gave each person the opportunity to tell something about themselves. One older lady had experienced a great deal of heartbreak and sadness in her life and seemed bitter about it. Then it was Alice's turn to share.

"When I was a tiny girl," she said, "I was put in an orphanage. I was not pretty at all, and no one wanted me. But I can remember longing to be adopted and loved by a family. I thought about it day and night. But everything I did seemed to go wrong. I guess I tried too hard to please everybody who came to look me over, and all I did was drive people away.

"Then one day the head of the orphanage told me a family was going to take me home with them. I was so excited, I jumped up and down and cried. The matron reminded me that I was on trial and that it might not be a permanent arrangement. But I just knew it would be.

"And so, I went with this family and started school in their town—a very happy little girl. Life began to open for me, just a little.

"But one day, a few months later, I skipped home from school and ran in the front door of the big old house we lived in. No one was home, but there in the middle of the front hall was my battered old suitcase with my little coat thrown over it. As I stood there and looked at the suitcase, it slowly dawned on me what it meant . . . they didn't want me. And I hadn't even suspected."

Miller relates that Alice paused for a moment before finishing the story, but they hadn't noticed. They all were there in that hall staring at a battered suitcase and trying not to cry. Then Alice cleared her throat and said almost matter-of-factly, "That happened to me seven times before I was thirteen years old."

By this time almost everyone in the group was in tears, some were even weeping, feeling great compassion for this woman.

Alice was genuinely touched by their response to her story. But she held up her hand and shook her head slightly in a gesture to stop us from feeling sorry for her.

"Don't," she said with a genuinely happy smile. "I needed my past. You see, it brought me to God."

After my salvation, the thing I am most thankful for is that God redeems one's past. Nothing is ever wasted with him. He can take all the broken pieces and make something beautiful from them. He did it for Alice. He's done it for me. He can do it for you, too.

Friends, this is why the Apostle Paul could write so boldly in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18: "Be joyful always. Pray continually. Give thanks in all circumstances . . ."

This Thanksgiving, why not pause a moment and remember what the Lord has done for you and give him thanks. As the psalmist reminds us, "He is good, and his faithful love endures forever (Psalm 107:1).

Zion Chapel Baptist Church planning drive-thru Nativity for early December

The Youth Ministry of Zion Chapel Baptist Church will be presenting a drive-through living Nativity on Friday night, Dec. 8, and Saturday night, Dec. 9, from 6-8 p.m. each night.

Ten scenes will be used to tell the story of the birth of Jesus. Live animals, courtesy of Marley Acres, will be present in some of these scenes.

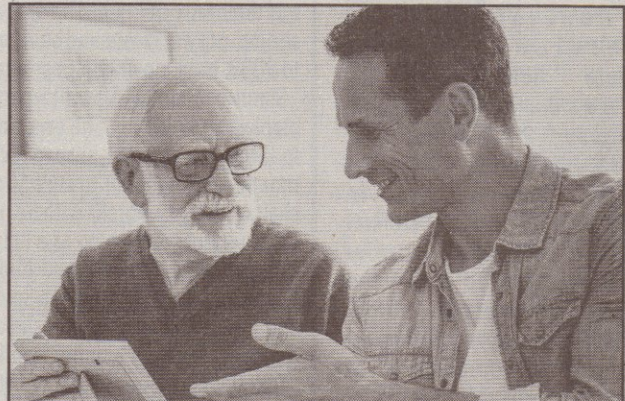
Vehicles will enter the Nativity area from Coffee County Road 329 and exit onto Alabama Highway 87.

This event is free. Make plans now to come join Zion Chapel Baptist Church for a very special reminder of the reason Christmas is celebrated.

For additional information, call (334) 300-6974 or (334) 447-2433.



RETIREMENT CELEBRATION...Coffee County engineer Marty Lentz (left) was honored with a retirement celebration during a recent Coffee County Commission meeting. Commission chairman Dean Smith presented Lentz with a plaque during the meeting, noting Lentz's many years of dedicated service to Coffee County.



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Scripture: Prayer for Relief from Contempt. Psalm 123: 1-4

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Henry Rayborn 11/19

What God Sees, What We See

E.O. Wilson enjoyed the great outdoors as a youngster. He was born in 1929, and this meant that there were no electronic gadgets to tempt him away from exploring nature! But, pleasure turned to pain one day when he injured his right eye while fishing. He did not tell anyone what had happened, but his parents took him for surgery when the pupil clouded over with a cataract. Wilson ended up with full vision in his left eye only, but the sight in that eye tested at a sharp 20/10 on the eye chart. His ability to see intricate details of the smallest kind opened his eyes, so to speak, to the wonders of nature—specifically butterflies and ants. He was able to see the hairs and fibers of the smallest of insects. Wilson became one of the world's foremost entomologists.

Isaiah describes the Lord as one who sits high above and observes us almost as an entomologist studies grasshoppers, but unlike insects, we are made in the image of God—and so His

surveillance is anything but mere dispassionate science. He is sovereign over all of creation. Sadly, Wilson has declared that "for the sake of human progress, the best thing we could possibly do would be to diminish, to the point of eliminating, religious faiths."

Perhaps the Prophet Jeremiah has the best response to that point of view: "O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes, and see not."—Jeremiah 5:21. (compare Matthew 13:13). How do we get the skeptics to life their "eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things" (Isaiah 40:26)—D.C.S.

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 11/23/23

Multiple Choice

Q: The failure of Zacharias to believe resulted in what? (inability to speak, blindness, or leprosy)

A: Inability to speak [Luke 1:20]

Q: The Shepherds found the infant Jesus where? (manger, mother's lap, or a palace)

A: Manger [Luke 2:16]

Thought to Remember

Before God was Redeemer, He was Creator. Praise the Creator when you look at creation.

Questions for the Week of 11/30/23

Fill in the Blanks

Q: The Psalmist affirmed the Lord's capability to still the _____ of the sea and its waves.

Q: The angel told the shepherds that the Christ had been born in the city of _____.

Q: There is no _____ against the fruit of the spirit.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue

Church Directory

<p>IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIGHT OF MEN</p>	<p>COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH Paul Jackson, Pastor Sunday Fellowship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. Wed. Night "Peak of the Week" and meal: 5:30 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer: 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>DAAMUSC BAPTIST CHURCH Steve Watson, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Phillip Adecek, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH Phillip Adecek, Pastor Sunday Morning: 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening: 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON Danny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH Scott Donaldson, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:00 p.m. Wed. 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CHURCH Mark Cooper, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:30 p.m. Wed. Even. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>HOLY TEMPLE COGIC Glenwood, AL Sunday Prayer: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD Wesley D. Ard, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>INO BAPTIST CHURCH Garry Winstead, Pastor Sunday School: 8:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD Matthew Morris, Pastor Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:15 p.m.</p>	<p>KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH Heath Fountain, Pastor Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. Wed. Service: 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>LIVING WORD CHURCH Derrick Stinson, Pastor Saturday Service: 9:45 a.m. Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Youth Service: 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Service: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST Greg Hanchey, Minister Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>LOVE'S WAY CHURCH Charles Jones, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH J. R. Parks, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. 1st & 3rd Sundays</p>	<p>MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH Dewey Enfinger, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening: 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Ola Strickland, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Will Jordan, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH Lanny Shepard, Pastor Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Loreant Flowers, Minister Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p>	<p>OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Julian Mitchell, Pastor 1st, 4th Sun. Morn. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Lee Jones, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD Linda Williams, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON Terry McCrummen, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Worship: 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>PRATSE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER Roy L. Turner, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH A. R. Williams, Pastor Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study: 6:00 p.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p>	<p>ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH Kerry Saxon, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet: 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>SHADY GROVE AME CHURCH James Boots, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH Leon Fortune, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 4:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet: 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH Allen Dineas, Pastor Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet: 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Brad Sasser, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:00 p.m. Wed. Ed. Even. Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. 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Samuel Boone Parsley, a Parcel of Land in Coffee County, Alabama described as all that tract of parcel of land lying and being in Section 11, Township 6 North, Range 22 East, St. Stephens Meridian, Coffee County, Alabama, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a concrete monument stamped "67-B", which is at the Northeast corner of the Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 11, on the boundary of a tract of land owned by the United States of America at Fort Rucker Military Reservation, and at plane coordinate position North 367,061.66 feet and East 505,817.18 feet, based on Transverse Mercator Projection, Alabama East Zone; Thence S 89° 57' E along the boundary of said United States tract 93 feet, more or less, to the center of Copperas Branch; Thence Southerly along the centerline of said Copperas Branch 750 feet, more or less, to the center of School House and Church Branch; Thence Westerly along the centerline of said School House and Church Branch 1,000 feet, more or less, to a point on a line which bears S 00° 05' W from a concrete monument stamped "67-C", which is at plane coordinate position North 366,617.32 feet and East 505,148.17 feet; Thence N 00° 05' E 6 feet, more or less, to said concrete monument stamped "67-C"; Thence continue N 00° 05' E 445.0 feet to a concrete monument stamped "67-A", is on the boundary of said United States tract; Thence S 89° 57' E along the boundary of said United States tract 668.4 feet to the point of beginning. Containing, 9.00 acres, more or less, and being all of Tract H-7 Fort Rucker Military Reservation, and Unknown Parties who have any claim, title, interest in, or to said Land, Defendants.

Notice to Defendants:
You must answer Plaintiff's Petition to Quiet Title by Jan. 1, 2024, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against you in Case No. CV-2023-104 Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama. The original of said answer is to be filed with the Clerk of this Court and a copy must be mailed or hand delivered to the attorney for Plaintiff. Done this the 30th day of Oct. 2023.
Amy L. Reeves
Clerk of Circuit Court

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of **Ted Walls aka Ted Mathews Walls**, Deceased.
Case No.: **PR-2023-162**

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to **Beth Henderson**, Personal Representative, on the 13th day of November, 2023 by the Honorable **Jodee R. Thompson**, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.**DONE** this the 13th day of November, 2023./s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson,
Probate Judge
11/16,23&30-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF **James Montgomery Harrison, Jr., Deceased**
CASE NO. **PR-2023-203**

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of James Montgomery Harrison, Jr., deceased, having been granted to Deborah B. James, Personal Representative, on the 13th day of November, 2023, by the Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama
Richard W. Whittaker, Attorney
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Enterprise, AL 36330
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11/16,23&30-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF **JEANNINE JULIETTE IRBY**, DECEASEDCAUSE NO. **PR-2023-083**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF ALABAMA §
COUNTY OF COFFEE §Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 30th day of October, 2023, by the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, to Ellis W. Brown, Jr. to serve as Executor of the Estate of Jeannine Juliette Irby, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims in or against the Estate of Jeannine Juliette Irby that they shall and will be required to present any and all claims against said Estate to the Clerk of the Court for probate and resignation as is required within the time allowed by law, or said claims will be barred.
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- All existing security doors will be utilized in the project and therefore must be compatible with the selected system

Bids will be received at the Coffee County Board of Education, 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba, Alabama 36323 **UNTIL 2:00 P.M. ON Tuesday, December 12, 2023**, at which time and place bids will be publicly opened and read.Bid must be submitted on the school system's **Bid Proposal Form**. To adhere to the Alabama Immigration Law, the following forms must accompany all bids: E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding, Affidavit of Alabama Immigration Compliance, and Alabama Immigration Law Compliance Contract. Bid submission packets must be properly labeled with the bid project title, vendor's name, address, phone number and general contractor's license number. All required documents must be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked **"Security Doors Bid" TO BE OPENED AT 2:00 P.M. TUESDAY, December 12, 2023**.

The lowest responsible bid meeting specifications will be presented to the Coffee County Board of Education at the next meeting for consideration and any award. Notification of any award will be provided to the successful low bidder only following Board approval. If you would like more information regarding this bid and/or the pre-bid meeting, please contact Mr. DeWayne Hamilton, Facilities Coordinator, at (334) 554-0002.

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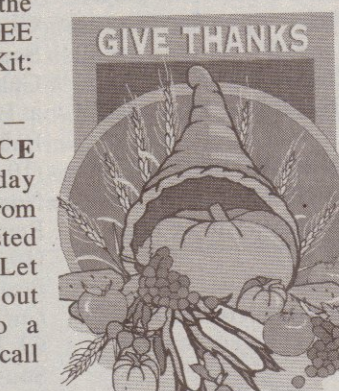
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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our youngest grandson Cannon came for a visit over the weekend and showed off his climbing skills as he tried to climb on top of everything he saw. He got a little aggravated at times when he couldn't get a grip on his object, but never stopped his adventures until he climbed on the bed in our bedroom and put his head on the pillow.

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers gave a big home crowd* plenty to cheer about last week as they ran up and down the field in a 47-28 playoff win over Millry. The Tigers scored almost at will against the state's seventh-ranked team, and if not for a couple of self-inflicted wounds could have very well scored on every single possession. It was great to watch the Tigers do what they do best on offense and light up the scoreboard, again. Over on defense, the Tigers dominated play for the first three quarters before tiring a little at the end and giving up two late scores. The defense was tough against the run and picked off two passes in one of its better performances of the season. It was a great win, a great atmosphere and a great night to be an Elba Tiger!

*** *The Brantley Bulldogs have been hard to stop* in recent weeks and have lit up the scoreboard in almost every win, but last week showed it could still play winning defense as they shocked previously unbeaten Loachapoka to advance to the third round. The Bulldogs have surprised everyone but themselves during their five-game winning streak, and don't have any plans to stop anytime soon.

*** *The high school football playoffs continued* last week and there were more than just a few surprises, even though only one undefeated team lost, with Loachapoka falling on the road to Brantley 14-12. Three #1 seeds in 7A moved on, while in the other classes the #1 seeds that moved on included all eight in 6A, 5 in 5A, 5 in 4A, 5 in 3A, 7 in 2A and 4 in 1A. No #4 seeds survived the second round, but seven #3 seeds did stay alive in a surprise. The two highest scoring teams in round two were Wadley, with an 81-27 win over South Lamar, and Brooks, which rolled over Priceville 70-42. A couple of other interesting wins came with Pike Road rallying from a 17-0 halftime deficit to defeat Spanish Fort 31-17, and Mary Montgomery rallying from a 10-0 deficit with 5:14 remaining in the fourth quarter to stun Enterprise 13-10. B.T. Washington, Headland and Mary Montgomery won second round games for the first time ever, while teams that have never won a third round game include the three listed above, as well as Gulf Shores, Locust Fork, Moody, West Morgan and Westminster Christian. One fact that did indeed catch my eye was that Maplesville owns a 14-2 all-time record when playing at home in the third round!

*** *The high school basketball season has tipped off* across the area and it looks like another exciting season ahead. Zion Chapel has already picked up big wins over Pleasant Home and Florala to open a lot of eyes early in the season, while New Brockton was impressive in a home win over Houston Academy and Kinston picked up a win over Samson after a slow start and will no doubt only get better. On the girl's side, Zion Chapel surprised Pleasant Home and looks much improved, while New Brockton looked good in a win over Houston Academy and may be ready to take the next step toward being a big 3A winner. Kinston came out running and are no doubt a team to keep an eye on, and Brantley picked up two wins and appears ready to take back its place among the 1A elite.

*** *It was a so-so week for the favorite college teams* across the state as Alabama pounded Chattanooga 66-10, Troy rallied past Louisiana 31-24 and Auburn laid an egg in a 31-10 loss to New Mexico State. The Crimson Tide was expected to have an easy time and did just that in its lopsided win over the outmanned Mocs, while the Trojans had to battle for all four quarters to escape with a harder than expected home win, and the Tigers spent \$1.8 million to bring a team to town that cashed the check and then handed them an embarrassing loss on the way back to the airport.


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*** *If you still don't agree* that college football is a multi-million-dollar business, just consider that last week's record \$76 million contract buyout for former Texas A & M coach Jimbo Fisher pushed the total amount of buyouts to almost \$150 million to Power Five schools since the start of the 2022 season. Fisher will be paid \$76 million to not coach the Aggies after a disappointing tenure at the school, and his buyout more than tripled the previous record buyout paid to former Auburn coach Gus Malzahn, which cost \$21.7 million. According to ESPN, Power Five and Group of Five schools have spent more than \$533 million in dead money (coaches that were dismissed without cause) in the 11-year period of Jan. 1, 2010 and Jan. 1, 2021. That total included payments to football coaches, men's and women's basketball coaches, for both head coaches and assistant coaches. Other big name coaches that reaped the benefits of being fired included Brian Harsin (\$15.5 million) at Auburn, Scott Frost (\$15 million) at Nebraska, Geoff Collins (\$11.4 million) at Georgia Tech, Paul Chryst (\$11 million) at Wisconsin, Karl Dorrell (\$8.7 million) at Colorado, Herm Edwards (\$4.4 million) at Arizona State, and Zach Arnett (\$4 million) at Mississippi State. One sportscaster last week stated his new goal in life was to be a fired college football coach. I agree!

*** *Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator* struggled last week and posted a sub-par 13-7 record in week two playoff action. The local guesspert admitted that there were no excuses and that he just got fooled by several teams. Oh well, here is this week's fearless forecast....

ELBA VS. MAPLESVILLE

The Pea River felines will hit the road for a showdown

Travel to Maplesville

Tigers expect 'devil of a time in round three

The Elba Tigers will continue their trek toward an eighth state championship Friday night when they battle the Maplesville Red Devils in quarterfinal playoff action, at Maplesville.

The meeting will be the first-ever between the two state high school football powers that have combined to win 1,239 games and 11 state championships, with Elba boasting a win total of 618 and seven state titles, and the Red Devils logging 621 wins and four state titles.

"Maplesville has been a power in high school football for a long time and even though they didn't have as great a season as they expected, they won the games they had to win and last week knocked off Sweet Water, on the road, to advance to the third round," stated Elba

Tiger Coach Marc Sieving. "This will be our first road game in over a month and we will be traveling into a very hostile environment against a very good football team, but it is a challenge we are looking forward to and see it as the next step in achieving our goal."

Maplesville will bring an 8-4 record into the playoff clash with wins over Central, Hayneville 61-6, Notasulga 26-0, Calhoun 60-7, Autaugaville 46-13, Billingsley 43-13, Verbena 49-0, Choctaw County 41-14 and Sweet Water 28-21, and losses to Meek 18-12, Isabella 34-14, Loachapoka 12-6 and John Carroll 44-7.

The Red Devils average 32.8 points a game and allow 15.2 points per game, while the Tigers score at a 51.3 points per game clip and allow 14.6

52 teams still alive in AHSAA football playoffs

Fifty-two teams advanced from the second round of the AHSAA 58th State Football Playoffs into the third round next week.

In Class 7A, which plays one less round in its football playoffs, the semifinals are set to be played Nov. 24 with Central-Phenix City (11-0) and Mary Montgomery (12-0) squaring off at Phenix City, and four-time defending state champion Thompson (10-1) hosting Region foe rival Hewitt-Trussville (9-3) at Alabaster. The two teams met in the regular season with the Warriors winning 40-14.

Classes 1A through 6A move into the quarterfinals next week with the semifinals set for Dec. 1. The 2023 Super 7 State Championships will be Dec. 6-7-8 at Bryant-Denny Stadium on the University of Alabama campus at Tuscaloosa.

Six of the seven defending state champions advanced out of the second round. Defending 4A state champion Andalusia was ousted by Jackson 31-7 Friday night. The Aggies (11-0) travel to Tuskegee to face Booker T. Washington (8-4), which downed Handley 22-9, next week.

Unbeaten teams

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against a group of devils that prey on unsuspecting visitors, and will have to be ready to scratch and claw for all four quarters if they hope to make it back without losing some fur. It won't be easy, but the felines should survive to fight another day.

ELBA 35 MAPLESVILLE 21

BRANTLEY VS. LEROY

The bulldogs from up above the creek will get to hang out around the pound again this week as they keep an eye out for a bunch of old bears that always go on the prowl about this time every year. Last year the bears laid a trap for the dogs down in the country, but this year the dogs will have the homefield advantage and may just have a shot at an upset. Nah!

LEROY 20 BRANTLEY 12

OTHER PICKS:

Central PC 45 Mary Montgomery 10
Thompson 38 Hewitt-Trussville 17
Saraland 31 Hillcrest 14
Eufaula 29 Demopolis 28
Gulf Shores 42 Headland 7
Pike Road 30 Benjamin Russell 14
Jackson 27 B.T. Washington 16
Catholic 31 Jacksonville 3
Mobile Christian 24 Trinity 17
St. James 41 Thomasville 21
B.B. Comer 28 Clarke County 7
Reeltown 34 Cottonwood 13

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points per outing.

"Maplesville is similar to Millry on offense in that they like to spread the field, have a good quarterback that can hurt you both running and throwing, and will run outside looking for big plays," added Sieving. "On defense they really get after the ball and play hard on every play. They have a big 400-pound nose-guard that clogs up the middle, play hard on the edge and are just so aggressive. They are a quality opponent that beat one of the best teams in the state last week on the road and this week will be back at home. You know they will be excited to play us and we know we will have our hands full for all four quarters."

"It will be a new adventure for us," said Sieving, "but one we are looking forward to. Being out of school all week is

a change and this will be our first long road trip in a while. We have a plan that we believe will work as far as practice goes and for the trip, and when we kick it off we have to be ready to play. For us to be successful we need to do what we do, not turn the ball over and not give up big plays. Last week we had two turnovers, gave up a kickoff return for a touchdown and gave up a long run for a score. So, we definitely made some mistakes that hurt us and we have to eliminate those mistakes to keep winning against the quality opponent we will face this week. We will work hard this week to get ready for the game and be prepared for whatever Maplesville throws at us. We know it is going to be a war, and will do our best to be ready to bring home a win."

moving to the third round include: **(Class 1A)** Leroy (11-0); Elba (12-0); **(Class 2A)** B.B. Comer (12-0); Reeltown (11-0); Locust Fork (12-0); **(Class 3A)** Mobile Christian (12-0); Lauderdale County (12-0); **(Class 4A)** Montgomery Catholic (12-0); Jackson (11-0); West Morgan (12-0); **(Class 5A)** Gulf Scores (12-0); **(Class 6A)** Saraland (12-0); Hillcrest-Tuscaloosa (12-0); Muscle Shoals (11-0); Clay-Chalkville (11-0); **(Class 7A)** Mary Montgomery (12-0) and Central-Phenix City (11-0). The round playoff pairings and second round results are below, as well as some additional playoff notes.

AHSAA 2023 STATE
FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

THIRD-ROUND

PAIRINGS

(All games will be Friday,
Nov. 24)

CLASS 1A

South Quarterfinals

Leroy (11-0) at Brantley (8-4)
Elba (12-0) at Maplesville (8-4)

North Quarterfinals

Hackleburg (11-1) Coosa Christian (7-5), **Gadsden** Wadley (11-1) at Pickens County (9-3), **Reform**

CLASS 2A

South Quarterfinals

B.B. Comer (12-0) at Clarke County (7-5), **Grove Hill** Reeltown (11-0) at Cottonwood (10-1)

North Quarterfinals

Tuscaloosa Academy (10-2) at Pisgah (11-1) Locust Fork (12-0) at Fyffe (11-1)

CLASS 3A

South Quarterfinals

Mobile Christian (12-0) at Trinity Presbyterian (11-1), **Montgomery** Saint James (10-2) at Thomasville (10-1) **North Quarterfinals** Geraldine (11-1) at Lauderdale County (12-0), **Rogersville** Sylvania (10-2) at Madison Academy (12-0), **Madison** **CLASS 4A** **South Quarterfinals** Jackson (11-0) at B.T. Washington (8-4), **Tuskegee** Montgomery Catholic (12-0) at Jacksonville (10-2) **North Quarterfinals** Westminster Christian (10-2) at Brooks (8-4), **Killen** Cherokee County (11-1) at West Morgan (12-0), **Trinity** **CLASS 5A** **South Quarterfinals** Gulf Shores (12-0) at Headland (10-2) Eufaula (9-3) at Demopolis (10-2) **North Quarterfinals** Ramsay (10-2) at Moody (10-2) Pleasant Grove (10-1) at Guntersville (11-1) **CLASS 6A** **South Quarterfinals** Hillcrest-Tuscaloosa (12-0) at Saraland (12-0) Pike Road (10-2) at Benjamin Russell (10-2), **Alexander City** **North Quarterfinals** Gadsden City (8-3) at Parker (11-1), **Birmingham** Clay-Chalkville (11-0) at Muscle Shoals (11-0) **CLASS 7A** **South Semifinals** Mary Montgomery (12-0) at Central-Phenix City (11-0) **North Semifinals** Hewitt-Trussville (9-3) at Thompson (10-1), **Alabaster**

SPORTS NEWS



Elba Tiger Collin Arnold (1) delivers a rude welcome to a Millry runner as they meet around the end at last week's 47-28 playoff win.



Elba Tiger Cayden Adkins (10) is off and running. Adkins rushed for 112 yards and 1 touchdown on 10 carries in last week's playoff win.



Elba Tiger cheerleader Taylor Day had plenty to cheer about last week as the Tigers upped their record to 12-0 with a big playoff win.

In playoff action

Elba runs over Millry 47-28

By, Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by BC Sports Photography

The second-ranked Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and never lost command Friday night in an impressive 47-28 second round playoff win over the seventh-ranked Millry Wildcats, on a damp night on Mack Wood Field, at Tiger Stadium.

Elba began its first series of the night at its own 29-yardline after a Millry punt and took only two plays to cover the distance into the endzone. The Tigers Cayden Adkins ripped off a 56-yard run on first down and then turned the corner on a 15-yard scoring dash on the second play of the possession, while Alex Wisecup kicked the extra-point to put Elba on top 7-0 with 10:42 left in the first quarter.

Millry bounced right back following the Tiger touchdown and went 37-yards in three plays to quickly answer the Elba score. The Wildcats score came on a 25-yard touchdown toss from Daylon Edmunds to Eli Adams, and while the extra-point sailed wide, the Tigers lead had been cut to 7-6 with 9:26 remaining in the quarter.

Elba began its ensuing possession near midfield and went 52 yards in seven plays to extend its advantage. Alvin Henderson rushed for 46 yards on four carries to lead the Tigers down the field, and scored his first touchdown of the night on a 6-yard dash. The extra-point try sailed wide, but with 6:31 left in the quarter Elba's lead had grown to 13-6.

Elba lost a fumble on its next possession at the Millry 22-yardline, but regained possession at the Millry 22-yardline after a 25-yard pass interception return by Cody Gray, and two plays later was back in the endzone, this time on a 4-yard run by Henderson. Wisecup kicked the extra-point as the Tigers lead went to 20-6 with 55-seconds still left in a wild first quarter.

Elba marched to a first down at the Millry 13-yardline on its next possession, sparked by a 25-yard pass completion from Brayden Johnson to Collin Arnold. However, the Tigers saw the drive big down, and settled for three points on a 29-yard field-goal by Alex Wisecup as the Elba lead stood at 23-6 with 7:12 left in the second quarter.

Millry regained momentum quickly as on the ensuing kickoff Eli Adams fielded the kick at the 14-yardline, spotted room to run in the middle of the field and raced 86 yards for a Wildcat touchdown. Shooter Holyfield booted the extra-point, and with 6:54 remaining in the quarter the Tigers lead had been cut to 23-13.

Elba put the ball in play at its own 41-yardline after the ensuing kickoff, and once again headed down the field to reach a first down at the Millry 14-yardline. Elba was again unable to punch the ball across the goal line; however, and again settled for three pints as Alex Wisecup booted a 31-yard field-goal to push the Tigers lead to 26-13 with 2:49 left in the half.

The Tigers dodged a bullet in the waning seconds of the half when Cody Gray picked off his second pass of the game Millry in the endzone, and at intermission Elba went in still clinging to a 26-13.

Elba lost its second fumble of the game on its initial possession of the third quarter at the Millry 32-yardline, but got the ball back near midfield after a Wildcat punt and went 55 yards in only three plays to extend its lead. Alvin Henderson rushed for 49 yards on two carries and scored his third td of the night on a 1-yard run, and Wisecup tacked on the extra-point as the Tigers lead went to 33-13 with 5:55 remaining in the quarter.

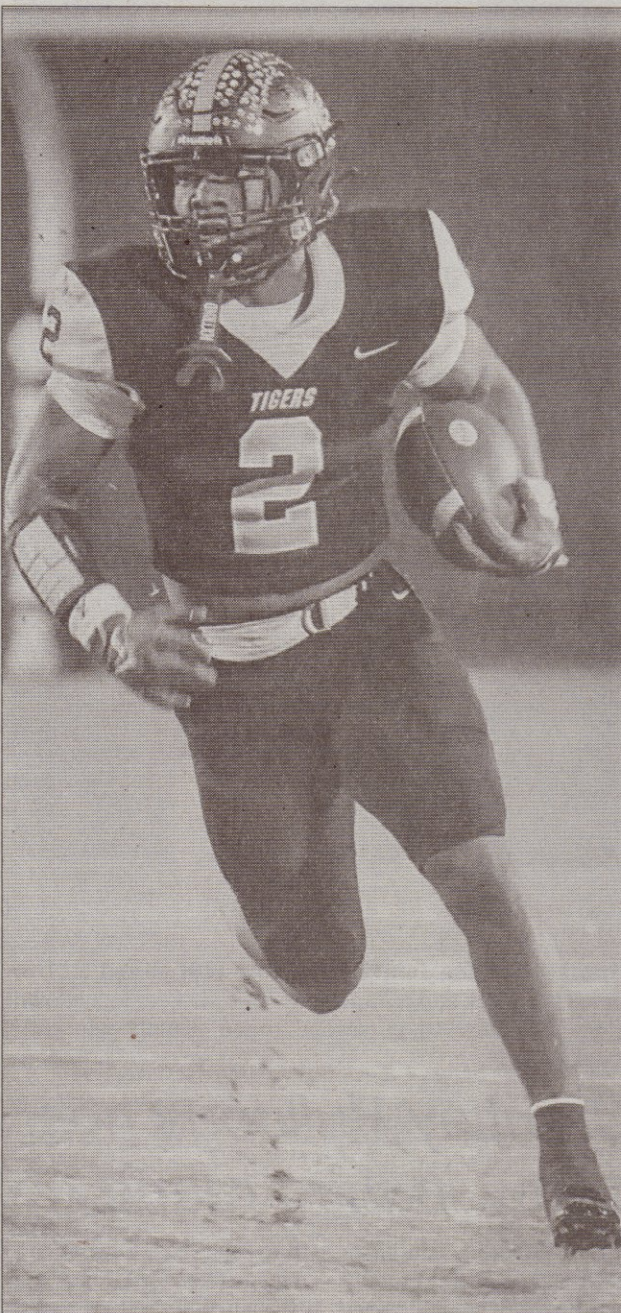
Elba began its next possession at its own 45-yardline and this time needed six plays to cover the 55 yards into the endzone. Brayden Johnson rushed for 20 yards on two carries to help lead the Tigers down the field, while Alvin Henderson added 43 yards on three carries and scored the Tiger touchdown on a 2-yard run. Wisecup was true with the extra-point, and with 11:54 left in the fourth quarter Elba was in command with a 40-13 lead.

Millry showed signs of life on its ensuing possession and pulled within 40-20 with 11:33 left on the clock after a 59-yard run by Eli Adams and the extra-point by Holyfield, but the Tigers were far from through and bounced right back with a 40-yard scoring drive that ate up over five minutes off the clock. Cayden Adkins had a 26-yard dash to help lead the Tigers down the field, while Alvin Henderson scored his fifth touchdown of the game on a 9-yard run. Wisecup added the extra-point as the Tigers lead ballooned to 47-20 with 6:52 remaining on the clock.

Millry added a score with 3:36 remaining on a 7-yard pass from Edmunds to Holyfield and added two-points on a pass involving the same Wildcat duo, but it was way too little, way too late, as the Elba Tigers posted the big 47-28 playoff win.

Alvin Henderson rushed for 335 yards and 5 touchdowns on 32 carries to lead Elba's ground attack, while Cayden Adkins added 112 yards and one td on 10 carries, and Brayden Johnson rushed for 41 yards on six carries and completed 1 of 3 passes for 25 yards.

Eli Adams rushed for 59 yards and one td on one carry, pulled in two passes for 26 yards and one td, and returned a kickoff 86 yards for a touchdown to lead Millry, while Daylon Edmunds rushed for 28 yards on 10 carries and completed 8 of 17 passes, with two interceptions, for 97 yards and one td.



Elba Tiger Alvin Henderson (2) eyes room to run. Henderson rushed for 335 yards and 5 touchdowns in last week's 47-28 playoff win over Millry.



Elba Tiger Alex Wisecup (3) booted field goals of 29 and 31 yards last week in the Tigers second round playoff win over Millry.

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SPORTS NEWS



Brantley Bulldog Jatavis McMeans (10) picked off two passes last week and returned one for a 38-yard touchdown in the Bulldogs 14-12 second round playoff win over Loachapoka.

Brantley Bulldogs host Leroy in third round

The Brantley Bulldogs will be back at the friendly confines of David Lowery Stadium on Friday night when they host the defending 1A state champion Leroy Bears, in third round prep playoff action.

It will be only the second meeting all-time between the two football powers, with Leroy posting a 42-14 playoff win a year ago. Brantley has won a total of 4 state championships in football and have a win total of 609 games while Leroy has claimed 6 state

titles and has logged 578 wins. The Bulldogs are 10-9 all-time in third round playoff action and the Bears own a 14-6 record in third round games.

Brantley, which is on a five-game winning streak, defeated Loachapoka 14-12 last week in second round action and averages 24.6 points per game, while allowing 25.9 points per contest. Leroy, which is riding a 17-game winning streak, averages 38.9 points a game and allows 8.6 points per outing.

Elba junior high season ends

The Elba Junior High Tigers and Lady Tigers concluded their basketball seasons last week with the Tigers claiming a big 40-18 win over Dauphin and the Lady Tigers dropping their finale to Dauphin 50-6.

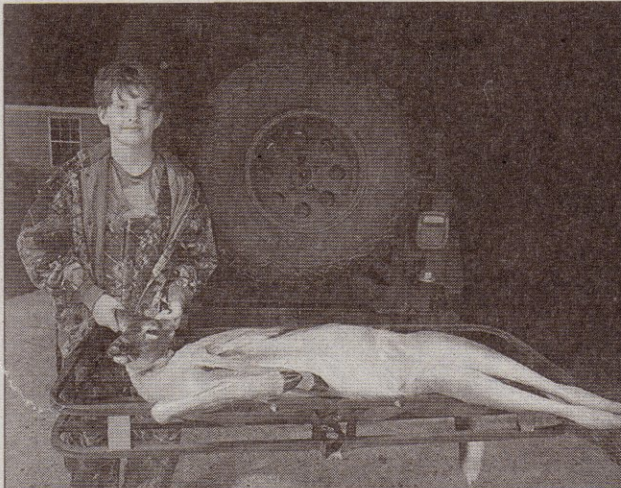
In the 40-18 win, the Tigers jumped out to a 16-0 first quarter lead and never looked back to close the season with a bang. Laquatos Edwards scored 20 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Levi

Martin 8, Johnny Barrow 5, Ky'Avian Stoudemire 2, Cole Astemborski 2, Brison Burks 2 and Powell Bane 1. David Killingsworth scored 7 points to lead Dauphin.

In the 50-6 loss, the Lady Tigers were simply outmatched and trailed 29-3 as they failed to keep pace with the Lady Dolphins. Jadyn Caldwell scored 5 points and Jabria Burks added 1 to lead Elba. Bahja Williams scored 22 points to lead Dauphin, while Justice Britt added 14.



Eli Adams, age 10, of Elba, killed this deer recently at a youth hunt.



Levi Daniels, age 12, killed his first deer on the season Sunday afternoon, Nov. 19, while hunting in Coffee County. Levi is the son of Claude and Marsha Daniels of Elba.

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In 14-12 playoff win

Brantley defense defends home turf

Statistics by W.J. Adcock
Photos by Cody Nichols

The Brantley Bulldogs opened up a 14-0 third quarter lead and held on to post an exciting 14-12 upset win over the previously unbeaten Loachapoka Indians, Friday night in the second round of the Class 1A playoffs, at David Lowery Stadium.

The win was the fifth straight for the red-hot Bulldogs, improved their record to 8-4 and moved them into third round play this week at home against defending 1A state champ Leroy.

Neither team could get anything going on offense in the opening quarter, and it as the Brantley defense that helped set up the game's first score when Jatavis McMeans picked off an Indian pass near midfield.

A 35-yard pass from Jayden Parks to Daylan

Davis moved the Bulldogs to the Loachapoka 20-yardline, and two plays later Parks connected with Cooper Layton from 15 yards out to put the Bulldogs on the scoreboard. An extra-point attempt failed, but with 4:39 left in the half Brantley was on top 6-0.

Brantley's defense continued to repel the Indian attack early in the third quarter and this time put some points of its own on the scoreboard when Jatavis McMeans picked off his second pass of the game and this time returned it 38 yards for a Bulldog touchdown. Jayden Parks passed to Cooper Layton for a two-point conversion, and with 9:05 remaining in the quarter the Bulldogs lead had grown to 14-0.

Loachapoka came to life after the pick six and after a 60-yard kickoff return covered the 30

yards to the endzone in just four plays to get on the scoreboard. The Indian score came on a 21-yard td toss from Quinjavis Nelms to Donzion Chatmon, and whole an extra-point try failed, Brantley's lead had been cut to 14-6 with 7:24 still left in the third quarter.

Loachapoka dodged a bullet when a penalty flag wiped off an apparent Brantley 58-yard punt return for a touchdown by Thomas Williamson, and two plays after the flag the Indians got a big break with a fumble recovery at the Brantley 29-yatdline.

Loachapoka cashed in the turnover and got back in the endzone with 27-seconds left on the clock on a 6-yard run by Anthony Wheat, and while the extra-point try again failed, the Indians were within 14-12 heading into the fourth quarter.

Brantley was determined

to regain command on its ensuing series and behind the passing of Jayden Parks reached a first down at the Loachapoka 4-yardline, only to come away empty-handed when the Bulldogs lost a fumble two yards short of the goal line with 8:30 left on the clock.

Loachapoka moved to three first downs and reached the Brantley 45-yardline, but the Bulldog defense again rose to the challenge and tuned back the Indians to preserve the 14-12 win.

Trevon Pittman led the Bulldogs on the ground with 53 yards on 11 carries, while Jayden Parks rushed for 30 yards on 12 carries and completed 10 of 22 passes for 127 yards and one touchdown, with Cooper Layton pulling in five passes for 49 yards and one td, and Daylan Davis pulling in two passes for 62 yards.

Roundball Roundup

VARSITY BOYS:

Zion Chapel 71 Pleasant Home 61

The Zion Chapel Rebels picked up an impressive early-season win by knocking off Pleasant Home 71-61. Slade Grantham scored 24 points and Jacob Chestnut added 15 to lead the Rebels.

Red Level 66 New Brockton 62

The New Brockton Gamecocks battled for all four quarters in a 66-62 loss to Red Level. Josiah Peterson scored 24 points and grabbed 7 rebounds to lead the Gamecocks, while Baylon Foster added 15 points and 3 steals, and Yassiah Rousseau scored 9 points and had 16 steals.

Northside Methodist 65 Kinston 30

The Kinston Bulldogs fell behind early and never challenged in a 65-30 loss to Northside Methodist. Braylen Clements scored 25 points and nailed six three-pointers to lead Northside Methodist, while Kyle Kirehhooff added 12 points, 10 rebounds and 6 steals.

Zion Chapel 65 Florala 63

The Zion Chapel Rebels pulled off an early-season upset with an exciting 65-63 win over Florala. Jacob Chestnut scored 16 points to lead the Rebels, while Slade Grantham added 15, Mason Stuart added 13 and Hayden Speckert added 10. Rayshon Coleman led Florala with 29 points.

Kinston 53 Samson 39

The Kinston Bulldogs claimed their first win of the young season with a 53-39 victory over Samson. Michael Thoompson poured in 25 points and Zane Martin added 11 to spark the Bulldogs, while Tyson Wells led Samson with 9 points.

New Brockton 52 Houston Academy 41

The New Brockton Gamecocks jumped out to a 14-2 first quarter lead and never looked back in an impressive 52-41 win over Houston Academy. Yassiah Rousseau scored 10 points and had 4 rebounds and Baylon Foster added 10 points and 4 steals to lead the Gamecocks, while Josiah Lewis added 7 points and 8 steals.

VARSITY GIRLS:

Kinston 36 Northside Methodist 27

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs continued on their early-season roll with an impressive 36-27 win over Northside Methodist. Kaley Norris scored 25 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Alyssa Turner led Northside Methodist with 9 points.

Samson 45 Kinston 12

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs had a hard time finding their way to the basket in a 45-12 loss to Samson. Kaley Norris scored 7 points to led the Lady Bulldogs, while Samson was led by Holly Warren with 13 points and 8 rebounds, and Brantley Edberg with 12 points and 9 rebounds.

New Brockton 42 Houston Academy 40

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks carried an 8-point lead into the fourth quarter and held on to defeat Houston Academy 42-40. Aniya Barkley scored 11 points, grabbed 10 rebounds, had 2 steals and 1 blocked shot to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Ariana Smith added 9 points, hit two three-pointers, and grabbed 4 steals, and Gabby Eubanks added 7 points, 2 rebounds and 3 steals.

Brantley wins two at tournament

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs competed at the Luverne Thanksgiving Classic last week and posted two wins in the two-day event.

The Lady Bulldogs opened the tournament with a 43-33 win over Calhoun. Alex Grimes scored 16 points and pulled down 10 rebounds to lead Brantley, while Myia Mount added 12 points and 13 rebounds, and Coco Stamps added 10 points and had 6 steals.

The Lady Bulldogs claimed a 47-25 win over Pike County in second day action. Alex Grimes scored 16 points, pulled down 5 rebounds and had 4 steals to lead Brantley, while Coco Stamps added 12 points, 5 rebounds, 5 steals and 5 assists, and Myia Mount pulled down 12 rebounds.

The Lady Bulldogs closed the tournament with a 54-31 loss to Enterprise. Coco Stamps scored 17 points and Alex Grimes added 13 to lead Brantley.



New Brockton Gamecock Blake Cox (23) passes the ball to a teammate in last week's win over Houston Academy.

(Photo by Martha Ball)

JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS:

New Brockton 31 Red Level 28

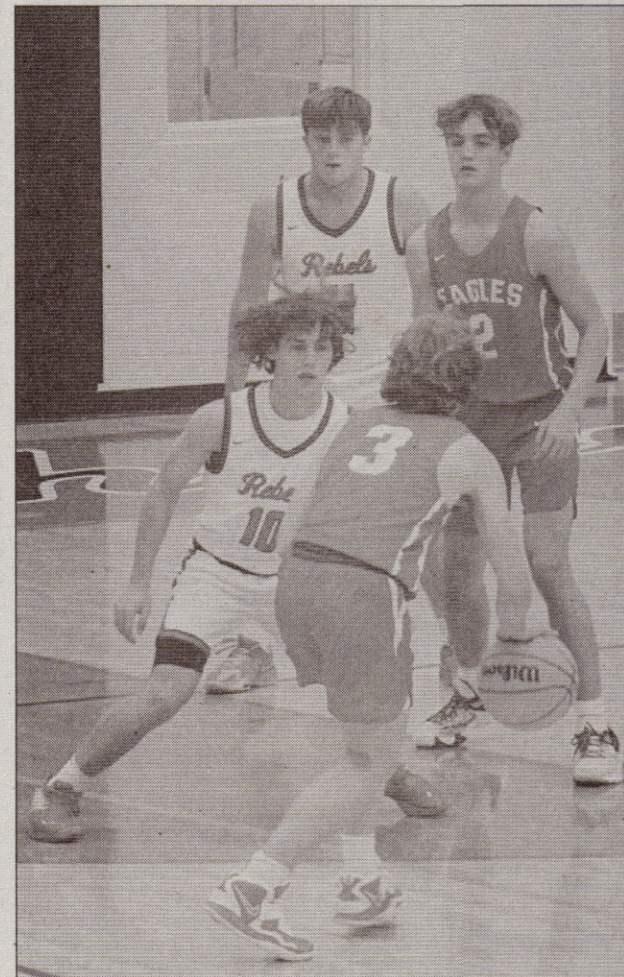
The New Brockton Gamecocks outscored Red Level 6-3 in overtime to escape with an exciting 31-28 win. Gabriel Dean scored 10 points to lead the Gamecocks, while William Adkison and Aden Barkley both added 6 points.

Northside Methodist 47 Kinston 12

The Kinston Bulldogs never had a chance in a 47-12 loss to Northside Methodist. Kingston Whaley paced Northside Methodist with 14 points and 6 steals.

Kinston 44 Samson 40

The Kinston Bulldogs claimed a wild 44-40 overtime win over Samson. Zavory Stanley scored 10 points to lead Kinston, while Tucker Marler added 9 and Kadin Sims scored 8.



Zion Chapel Rebel Brodie Stinson (10) closes in to apply pressure in last week's big win over Pleasant Home.

(Photo by Amanda Clark)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Event set for Sunday, Dec. 3rd

Pilot Club of Enterprise to host 2023 Christmas Tour of Homes

The Pilot Club of Enterprise has been pleased to host the Annual Christmas Tour of Homes for over 40 years. This is an annual event that citizens look forward to every year.

This year's event is Sunday, Dec. 3, from 1-4:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased from any member of the club. They can also be purchased at Initially Yours, Shopaholic Home Décor and Gifts, and Yancey Parker's.

Participating homes

include the Eugene and Charlene Goolsby home; the Michael and Beverly Greenwood home; the Bob and Joan Hauser home; the Zachary and Leslie Jenkins home; and the Justin and Anna Beth Martin home.

The Pilot Club's mission is to influence positive change in communities throughout the world. To do this, club members come together in friendship and service, focusing on encouraging brain safety and health and supporting those who care for others.



This display of nutcrackers at the home of Justin and Anna Beth Martin is among the beautiful Christmas decorations to be viewed during the tour of homes set for Dec. 3rd.



The Elba Tigers football team managers, videographer and two varsity cheerleaders were recognized last Friday, Nov. 17, during the Elba Quarterback Club's 'gameday' lunch meeting. Coach Marc Sieving spoke on the importance the managers and videographer all play in the team's success, and he said he believes Elba has some of the best. Also, Coach Sieving thanked the cheerleaders for all they do to keep the crowd cheering for the team each and every Friday night. Those pictured include (from left): videographer Braden Eldridge, team managers Garrett Hill, Dylan Holley, Powell Bane, Matthew Laramore, and Landon Pridgen; and cheerleaders Jah'Haira Walker and McKenzie Foster.

IRS Criminal Investigation's Atlanta Field Office warns of romance scams

Scammers use many tactics to separate unsuspecting victims of their identities and money. One of the tactics is the romance scam, which in 2022 affected approximately 70,000 victims with reported losses of \$1.3 billion, according to a report by the Federal Trade Commission.

"Investigating criminals defrauding innocent victims through romance scams is just one of the various crimes our special agents investigate," said Demetrius Hardeman, Special Agent in Charge, IRS Criminal Investigation, Atlanta Field Office. "These scams leave many victims financially devastated and emotionally manipulated."

The criminals create fake online profiles, usually on social media applications and dating websites, and attempt

to build phony emotional attachments until a potential victim is comfortable sending them money. Many of scammers find victims by pulling online public information, which they use to do research.

"It is important that people are careful of people they meet through social media sites," Hardeman said. "Many of these scammers are very patient and will wait weeks or months to gain a victim's trust."

To avoid becoming a victim of romance scams, people should follow these tips:

Never send money to anyone you have only communicated with online or by phone.

Be careful what you post and make public online.

When starting a new rela-

tionship, take it slow, and ask lots of questions.

Be alert to those who seem too perfect or quickly ask you to leave a dating service or social media site to communicate by other means.

Beware of those who want to isolate you from friends and family.

Don't share inappropriate photos or financial information that could later be used to extort you.

Be suspicious if the individual promises to meet in person but then never does.

"Many of the criminals involved with romance scams are part of an organized crime group," Hardeman said. "People who suspect they have become victims of romance scams can make a report to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center."

To report romance scams or other types of online crimes, victims can make a report at <https://www.ic3.gov/>. The website contains information including Frequently Asked Questions, consumer and industry alerts, and a graph on complaints and losses over the last five years.

IRS-CI is the criminal investigative arm of the IRS, responsible for conducting financial crime investigations, including tax fraud, narcotics trafficking, money-laundering, public corruption, healthcare fraud, identity theft and more. IRS-CI special agents are the only federal law enforcement agents with investigative jurisdiction over violations of the Internal Revenue Code, boasting a more than a 90 percent federal conviction rate.

LEGAL NOTICES:

Public Notices also are posted on the websites: www.elba-clipper.com and www.alabamapublicnotices.com at no extra charge

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

Default being made in the conditions of that certain mortgage executed by ROBERT WAYNE BOLDING, an unmarried man, SHARON SASSER, a married woman, and JONATHAN M. WILLIS, an unmarried man, to Troy Bank and Trust Company, a banking corporation, on April 5, 2019, and being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama in A/OFFR 185A, Page 520, said Mortgagee to realize the entire indebtedness hereby will, on the 11th day of December, 2023, between the legal hours of sale at the Courthouse door in Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division, under the powers contained in said mortgage, sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

One lot or parcel of land containing two acres, more or less, lying in and being a part of the NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 34, Township 6 North, Range 20 East, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the point where the northwest right of way line of the Elba-New Hope Paved Road, as the same is now located in said forty, intersects the North line of said NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 34, Township 6 North, Range 20 East, and running thence in a southwesterly direction along the northwest right of way line of said road a distance of 948 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel herein described; thence continuing in a southwesterly direction along the northwest right of way line of said road a distance of 210 feet to a point; thence running in a northwesterly direction along a line perpendicular with the northwest right of way line of said road a distance of 420 feet to a point; thence running in a northeasterly direction along a line parallel with the northwest right of way line of said road a distance of 210 feet to a point; and thence running in a southeasterly direction a distance of 420 feet to the point of beginning of the northwest right of way line of said road.

The above property is being sold "AS IS" and is subject to any and all reservations, easements, restrictions, covenants, rights of way, and all matters of record.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt, costs and expenses arising out of the mortgagors' default, including attorney's fees. Please be advised that Allen C. Jones, as a debt collector, is attempting to collect the debt identified herein and that any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

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Lot No. 1, Block A, of Cedar Ridge Subdivision in the City of Elba, Alabama, according to the plat of said subdivision recorded in Plat Book 1, at page 63, in the Probate Office at Elba, Alabama.

ALSO, a lot or parcel of land lying in and being a part of the SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 32, Township 6 North, Range 20 East, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot No. 1, Block A, of Cedar Ridge Subdivision in the City of Elba, Alabama, according to the plat of said subdivision recorded in Plat Book 1, at Page 63 in the Probate office at Elba, Alabama, and running North 79° 08' East a distance of 50 feet to a point; thence running in a southerly direction along a line parallel with the East line of said Lot No. 1, Block A, a distance of 135 feet, more or less, to a point on the North right of way line of Cedar Lane Drive; thence running South 60° 57' West along the North right of way line of Cedar Lane Drive a distance of 50 feet, more or less, to the Southeast corner of said Lot No. 1, Block A; thence running in a northerly direction along the East line of said Lot No. 1, Block A, a distance of 150 feet to the point of beginning. Together with the dwelling and other improvements thereon. The above property is being sold "AS IS" and is subject to any and all reservations, easements, restrictions, covenants, rights of way,

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of Betty L. Smithson, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2023-191

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Betty L. Smithson, deceased, having been granted to Troy Bank and Trust Company, Personal Representative, on 15th day of November, 2023 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within

time allowed by law or the same will be barred. DONE this the 15th day of November, 2023.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson,
Probate Judge
11/23,30, & 12/7-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GARY BOYD HARBUCK, DECEASED

CASE NO.: PR-2023-211

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of GARY BOYD HARBUCK, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 17th day of November, 2023, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred. /s/ Heather Johnson
HEATHER JOHNSON
Personal Representative of said Estate
11/23,30&12/7-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

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at Elba City Schools. Additionally, all second grade students will be observed as potential through a gifted behavior checklist.

For each student referred, information is gathered in the areas of aptitude, characteristics, and performance. The information is entered on a matrix where points are assigned according to established criteria. The total number of points earned determines if the student qualifies for gifted services.

To make a referral at Elba City Schools, contact the Special Education Coordinator at 334-897-2814.

Coffee County Arts Alliance to bring choral presentation, Messiah, to First Baptist Church Enterprise on Dec. 3rd

Messiah, A Community Choral Presentation is created with the desire to provide Coffee County and the Wiregrass Area with a Choral rendition of Handel's Messiah.

On Sunday, Dec. 3, the First Baptist Church Enterprise, located at 302 North Main Street, will resonate with the celestial melodies of Handel's most revered composition, "Messiah." This transcendent oratorio, a masterpiece that has enchanted audiences for centuries, will

be brought to life by The Coffee County Arts Alliance in what promises to be an unforgettable community choral presentation.

Founded on principles of openness and community - everyone is welcome to enjoy as the community gathers together in the performance of this celebrated work.

As the hallowed spaces of the church fill with the harmonious voices of local talent, students and professional singers, attendees will be

invited on a journey through the epochs of prophecy, passion, and redemption. This rendition, under the direction of Dr. Ken Thomas, is not just a musical event, but a soulful communion; an evening where timeless music and community spirit intertwine, evoking emotions and memories that will linger long after the final note has been sung.

There is no admission fee for this event, but donations are appreciated.



Several enjoyed the Elba High School Class of 1966 breakfast gathering Tuesday, Nov. 14, at The Outpost in New Brockton, but several 'regulars' were missing! Those in attendance were (left to right): Judy Galimore Brown, Jerry Brown, Eddie Thompson, Kenneth Baker, Jackey Tindol, Butch Oggs, Terry Calhoun, Neal Hutto, John Lawless, Sara Warr Strong, and Jeanette Hutto. Food and fellowship was enjoyed by all.



Coffee County students Leanna Carr, William Wyrosdick and Easton McKelvy attended the Alfa Youth Leadership Conference Nov. 13-14 at the Alabama 4-H Center in Columbiana. The conference teaches students how to advocate for agriculture, identify their potential and step into leadership roles. The event is for 9th and 10th graders. Sponsors are Alabama Farmers Federation, Coffee County Farmers Federation, Alabama Ag Credit and Alabama Farm Credit. Carr attends Enterprise High School, Wyrosdick attends Kinston High School, and McKelvy attends Elba High School. From left are Alabama Farmers Federation's Matthew Durdin, Carr, Wyrosdick and McKelvy.

Alabama 4-H conference helps mold young leaders

Written by Tanner Hood

The 2023 Alfa Youth Leadership Conference helped 87 high school freshmen and sophomores from across Alabama develop crucial life and ag advocacy skills at the Alabama 4-H Center in Columbiana Nov. 13-14.

The two-day conference was hosted by the Alabama Farmers Federation and began with students networking with other young people from around the state. Later, character development sessions were hosted by professional speakers Noah Galloway and Rhett Laubach.

Galloway, a veteran, double amputee and Purple Heart Recipient, shared his story of tragedy to triumph. Using his mantra "no excuses," the Birmingham native taught students the importance of never giving up while always finding a way to make their lives and others' better. His parting message to the group was, "Don't be average. Be exceptional."

"One thing [Noah] showed me is no matter if I have thoughts going

through my mind like 'You can't do this,' I actually can do it," said Addy Kirkland, a sophomore at Rehobeth High School in Houston County. "Don't ever give up on yourself," is what I took away from it."

Laubach continued the effort by teaching students to develop leadership characteristics through high-energy and high-impact workshops. Laubach, a professional trainer and presentations coach, guided students to understand their strengths and acknowledge and overcome their weaknesses to be effective leaders.

Lincoln County High School sophomore Cristen Haynes said the speakers were intriguing and pushed them outside their known limits to use skills they didn't know they had.

"Through engaging us, it was easier for us to develop and demonstrate the qualities we were learning," the Talladega County native said. "Breaking us into groups and interacting with students across the state made us uncomfortable, but it was a good opportunity to build our way out

and use those skills. It was the most inspirational and motivating conference I've attended."

Students also enjoyed outdoor activities and team-building exercises with 4-H staff, heard from a panel of young farmers about future careers and opportunities in ag, and learned the importance of leadership in ag advocacy from Federation Young Farmers Division Director Hunter McBrayer.

"Our future lies with our young people," McBrayer said. "We want to develop future leaders who know how to interact with others, work for the common good and promote a better society for not only agriculture but everything. This conference gives us the opportunity to educate and develop exceptional students who can shape their communities, state and country."

The highlight of the conference included a session where students practiced the skill of service and assembled wooden toys to send to patients at Children's of Alabama Hospital this holiday season.

Bullock County sophomore Rose Ryan-Ulver said leading included giving back to others, and this project was a fun way to help those who are less fortunate.

"As a leader you have to serve others," said Ryan-Ulver. "You can help people, even out of your circle, if you take the time to appreciate the smaller things and give them something to look forward to."

The Alfa Youth Leadership Conference is sponsored by Alabama Ag Credit and Alabama Farm Credit.



The Republican Women of Coffee County held its October meeting at the Enterprise Country Club. Guest speakers were Bryan Taylor, who is running for AL Supreme Court Chief Justice, and Rich Anderson, candidate for AL Court of Criminal Appeals. They discussed their backgrounds and why they are running for office. RWCC meets the third Wednesday of the month at the Enterprise Country Club. Social time begins at 11 am, an optional \$13 buffet opens at 11:30, and the programs begins at approximately noon. Everyone is welcome, but reservations are necessary. To RSVP, email: rwccreservations@gmail.com and indicate if planning to eat. For more information, contact Robin at 334-389-4410. Pictured above left to right: RWCC 1st VP Carol Boylston, Bryan Taylor, RWCC President Robin Foy, and Rich Anderson.

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